

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2019 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 11	Mar 11
Feb	Mar 22	Mar 26
Mar	Apr 19	Apr 23
Apr	May 17	May 21
May	Jun 21	Jun 25
Jun	Jul 19	Jul 23
Jul	Aug 16	Aug 20
Aug	Sep 20	Sep 24
Sep	Oct 18	Oct 22
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 19
Nov	Dec 20	Dec 24
Dec	Jan 24	Jan 28

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Manufacturing Employment
2018	Dec	1,593,400	228,100
2019	Jan	1,593,400	228,900
	Feb	1,587,300	228,500
	Mar	1,584,500	227,800
	Apr	1,589,000	228,400
	May	1,589,300	228,500
	Jun	1,593,100	229,900
	Jul	1,594,900	229,200

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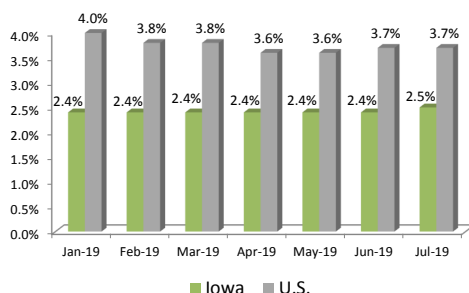
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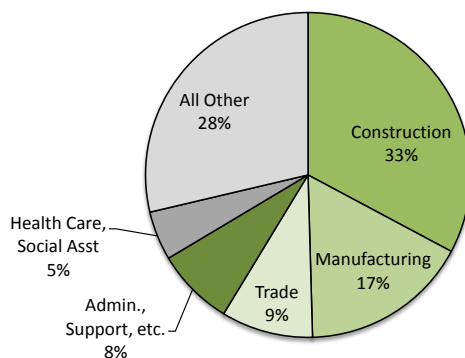
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates 2019



- Iowa's unemployment rate increased to 2.5 percent in July. The state's jobless rate was 2.4 percent one year ago.
- The state's total unemployment level increased to 42,800 in July from 41,400 in June.
- The U.S. unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7 percent in July.

Regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits by Industry July 2018 through June 2019



- The construction industry accounted for 33 percent of UI benefits paid during the most recent fiscal year. Manufacturing followed with 17 percent of benefits paid.
- Many manufacturing layoffs are cyclical, so they decline when the economy is strong. Most of the construction layoffs are seasonal.

- Iowa establishments gained 1,800 jobs in July and have now added jobs in four consecutive months.
- Job gains were led by professional and business services (+1,400). Administrative and support services alone added 700 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality added 1,100 jobs. Growth was led by accommodations and food services (+900).
- Construction added 500 jobs in July and has advanced in each of the last four months. This sector was off to a slow start to begin the year.
- Financial activities shed 1,000 jobs in July. This is now the fourth monthly loss in the last five months. Overall, this sector is down 1,800 jobs versus last year's mark.
- Manufacturing shed 900 jobs in the durable goods sector. Nondurable goods factories advanced slightly (+200).
- Iowa is up 10,200 jobs versus last year. Manufacturing leads all sectors with 6,100 jobs added. Annual losses are led by financial activities (-1,800).
- U.S. total nonfarm employment increased by 164,000 jobs in July.

Iowa Total Nonfarm Employment January 2018 - July 2019

